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Subject: Please Oppose - Vote NO on Bill 198.

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House Representative: Douglas Kary (R)
Federal Relations, Energy, and Telecommunications Committee

Dear Mr. Kary,

I am writing to ask you to oppose/vote no to Bill #198 draft #1776. This bill is an ABUSE to Montana citizens, which violates constitutional rights, specifically private property rights. The constitution was set up to prevent such abuse. Please say, "NO" to condemnation and eminent domain on private property. By imposing eminent domain on private property you eliminate the free market and the willing buyer and willing seller scenario. Condemner's have the upper hand and they use it at the expense of landowners. Utility companies will deny the true effects and impacts that a property owner has to deal with everyday. Companies impose new rules, such as limited use, restrictions, require an application process and fees on right of ways, etc... which devalues the land and causes property owners hardship and burdens. Highest and Best use for the land and the land adjacent to it is destroyed forever.

All Consumers will suffer due to higher utility rates. Higher rates across the country will have a negative impact on every consumer with even more job loss. Billions upon billions of stimulus dollars are proposed for development projects across the country and consumers can not foot the bill. Consumers need taxes and rates lowered for economic gain, but these projects promise higher rates and more taxes.

The amount of degradation and loss of farm land from substations, large wind farms, miles of transmission lines, right of ways and roads will impact the costs and ability to farm. The last best place is Montana. Farming is one of America's most valuable and important resources let's keep it that way.

I pray that you will VOTE NO on House Bill 198!



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It does not make sense to condemn thousands of miles of property for more transmission lines across the United States to provide power to consumers in other parts of the world. Reduce costs, liabilities and create jobs by using wind and solar resources were it's needed.